Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I get it before the next meeting?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—We will address the Hon'ble Judges of the Chief Court.

Sale of teak to the Anamalais Timber Trust.

340. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether there was a contract by the Anamalais Timber Trust for the purchase of the whole stock of teak from the Government Depot;
2. if so, when;
3. the quantity sold to them;
4. and the rate per candy;
5. the value realised;
6. and the amount of commission paid;
7. if no timber was taken delivery of, what action was taken against them for not acting according to the terms of the contract;
8. owing to the non-compliance of this contract by the Trust, were not Government unable to sell its timber in time and realise its value?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(1) There was no contract; but the Trust secured an offer for the stock.

2. In 1107.
3. No timber was sold to them.
4. The offer was at Rs. 37 per candy.
5. In view of answer to (3), no reply is called for.
6. Nil.
7. In view of reply to (1) above, no answer is called for.
8. Since no contract had been entered into, the question does not arise.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the difference between a contract and an offer?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The contract is a formal agreement. The offer is only an application.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was the offer accepted by the Government?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It was accepted by the Government.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—If an offer is accepted by the other party, does it not become a contract between the two?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—You call it a contract only when the formal agreement is entered into. It is not so in this case.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is not the offer a formal offer?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—And the acceptance?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—And the acceptance by the Government is also a formal acceptance.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Why is the agreement not entered into?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The Government did not consider over it

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was the offer embodied in writing?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government suspend the selling to private parties after this offer, for some time?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Supply of water to steamers—profits from.

341. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what quantities of water was supplied to the steamers during each of the last three official years;

(b) the expenses incurred in the above supply;

(c) the amount realised by the supply;

(d) the profits or losses arrived at over the above supplies during each of the years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 1105—No supply.

1106—3,088 tons.

1107—12,502 tons.

(b) The expenses cannot be accurately computed as the expenditure includes the charges for supply to Mattancheri also.

(c) 1105—Nil.

1106—Rs. 3,859-6-10.

1107— ,, 15,627-9-0.

(d) In view of the answer to (b) the profits or loss cannot be gauged. The Government supplies water to steamers not with the idea of making any profit but for the development of the Harbour and to increase the importance of the Port.

Water supply in Mattancheri—inadequacy of.

342. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what quantity of water was supplied to the Mattancheri Municipal area during the summer months and during the rest of the period separately during the last official year;

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